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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MODIFY ITS MEDICATION
ADMINISTRATION POLICY SO THAT ALL STUDENTS AFFECTED BY
ANAPHYLAXIS WILL HAVE MORE EFFICIENT ACCESS TO AUTO-
INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE.

1 WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction caused
2 by exposure to certain foods, medicines, venoms, or other
3 foreign bodies that may cause epidermal, respiratory,
4 cardiovascular, and gastrointestinal irregularities; and
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6 WHEREAS, according to a study released in 2013 by the
7 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies among
8 children increased by approximately fifty percent between 1997
9 and 2011; and
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11 WHEREAS, the early use of epinephrine is the most important
12 step in managing anaphylaxis; and
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14 WHEREAS, an accessible supply of auto-injectable
15 epinephrine that is located within twenty-five yards of a highly
16 populated area on school grounds is necessary to provide
17 immediate relief in the case of a student experiencing
18 anaphylaxis in response to a foreign substance; and
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20 WHEREAS, some students need assistance with auto-injectable
21 epinephrine as they are incapable of self-administering due to
22 age, disability, effects of the allergic reaction, or other
23 reason; and
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25 WHEREAS, the current Department of Education policy only
26 permits auto-injectable epinephrine to be stored by schools and
27 self-administered by students without the assistance of school
28 employees or volunteers; and
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30 WHEREAS, the delayed administration of epinephrine can be
31 severely detrimental to the wellbeing of the student; now,
32 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
 3 that the Department of Education is encouraged to modify its
 4 medication administration policy so that all students affected
 5 by anaphylaxis have more efficient access to auto-injectable
 6 epinephrine; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
 9 encouraged to adopt standards for training and drills so that
 10 Department of Education employees and volunteers shall be
 11 qualified and strategically placed throughout the school's
 12 grounds to properly administer auto-injectable epinephrine; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education
 15 submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 16 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 on the
 17 status of implementation; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
 21 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of
 22 Health, and Chairperson of the State Public Charter School
 23 Commission.
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